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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**7<sup>th</sup> EDITION MASSACHUSETTS STATE BUILDING CODE**  
**UPDATE TO ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS –the State Board that promulgates the Massachusetts State Building Code), at its May 2007 Public Hearing, adopted updates to the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition Massachusetts State Building Code ***ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS***.

These amendments are being imposed with **delayed implementation** and therefore will not become effective until October 6, 2008.

**THE PURPOSE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS:**

**To make all Interested Parties aware of coming changes, and allows time for all Interested Parties to acquire the ICC IECC-2006, the ICC 2007 Supplement to the IECC-2006 and ASHRAE 90.1-2007.**

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**DETAIL – 7<sup>th</sup> Edition “1 & 2” Family Code**

**IMPACT:** Chapter 61 of the 7th Edition Building Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings.

**Chapter 61** will be completely rewritten to default to the International Code Council (ICC) International Energy Conservation Code, IECC-2006 with 2007 Supplement, all with “front-end” Massachusetts Amendments.

The updated Chapter 61 comes into full force on October 6, 2008 and not before. There will be no allowed running concurrency with earlier Chapter 61 requirements commencing October 6, 2008 except for where Building Permits have already been issued.

The actual Code amendments will be available through the State House Bookstore as October 6, 2008 approaches.

TO REVIEW THESE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 61 SEE THE DPS WEB PAGE

([www.mass.gov/dps](http://www.mass.gov/dps)). Under **PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**, select Building / BBRS and then select [The Massachusetts State Building Code](#) and then, under 7<sup>th</sup> Edition Basic Code (Pending), select [Amendment 7<sup>th</sup>: Various Sections](#) – (May 2008, Pending).

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## DETAIL – 7<sup>th</sup> Edition Basic Building Code

**IMPACT:** Chapter 13 of the about-to-be-promulgated 7<sup>th</sup> Edition Basic Building Code.

**Chapter 13** will be completely rewritten to default to the International Code Council (ICC) International Energy Conservation Code, IECC-2006 with 2007 Supplement, or to ASHRAE 90.1-2007, all with “front-end” Massachusetts Amendments.

The updated Chapter 13 comes into full force on October 6, 2008 and not before. There will be no allowed running concurrency with earlier Chapter 13 requirements except for where Building Permits have already been issued.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Edition Basic Building Code is expected to be promulgated at the end of August, 2008 and does include a Chapter 13 that is further subject to the October 6, 2008 amendment updates discussed herein. Between the time of promulgation and October 5, 2008, the initial 7<sup>th</sup> Edition version of Chapter 13 will apply.

The actual Code amendments will be available through the State House Bookstore as October 6, 2008 approaches.

TO REVIEW THESE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 13 REFER TO THE DPS WEB PAGE ([www.mass.gov/dps](http://www.mass.gov/dps)). Under **PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**, select Building / BBRS and then select [The Massachusetts State Building Code](#) and then, under 7<sup>th</sup> Edition Basic Code (Pending), select [Amendment 7<sup>th</sup>: Various Sections](#) – (May 2008, Pending).

Note that at this time, Appendix 120.AA and any references to it (also presented in [Amendment 7<sup>th</sup>: Various Sections](#) – (May 2008, Pending)) are Tabled and such will not be part of the October 6, 2008 promulgation impacting Chapters 13 and 61.

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